

Patterson, Susan Welder, Julia Welding, Gayla Wells, Joy Welsh, Mikayla Wendorff, Lindsey Wenger, Peggy Werdell, Danielle Werkmeister, Kayleen Werner, Traesha West Carlisle, Chantell Westberg, Emily Westfield, Sally Westphal, Danelle Wetsit, Hidir Wetzler, Stephanie Weyer, Jean Whalin, Donnel Wheeler, Tina Whipple, Jenny White, Nora White Eagle, Tiffany White Eyes, Bonnie Whitebull, Karen Whitford, Teri Whitham, Debra Whitlock, Shannon Whitney, Doreen Whitney, Andrea Whittington, Jennifer Wickherst, Kelly Wiehr, Alissa Wiest, Sandra Wilcox, Katelyn Wilde, Macie Wiles, Brenna Wilke, Julie Williams, Kimberly Williams, Phyllis Williams, Bernadette Willuweit, Geraldine Wilson.

Kerri Wilson, Georgia Wilson, Clarissa Wilson, Heather Wilson, David Winchell, Jessica Wingen, Sarah Winter, Donna Winters, Haley Winters, Julia Wipf, Michaela Wipf, Hunter Wirkus, Abby Wiskur, Patti Witkop, Judy Witkowski, Nancy Wittmeier, Mindy Wixon, Yvonne Wohlhueter, Sherry Woitzel, Tiffany Wojahn, Kathryn Wolf, Rick Wolf, Theresa Wolf, Muriah Wolf, Jeffrey Wolfe, Erin Wolfe, Sheila Wolff, Robert Wollman, Janet Wollman, Krista Wollman, MaClay Wollschlager, Whitney Wollschlager, Cynthia Wolter, Saynora Woltjer, Teresann Wong, Allen Wong, Debra Wood, Dawnita Wood, Alyssa Wood, Dalice Woodard, Makayla Woolledge, Barbara Worrall, Hannah Wozniak, Roselyn Wright, Kayla Wulf, Sarah Wulff, Lenaya Wurtz, Jessica Yada, Alecia Yaggie, Patricia Yanzick, Tracy Yeargan, Melissa Yecha, Crystal Yonker, Madison Young, Charlene Young-Cunningham, Grace Yount, Shannon Ysker, Danielle Yuhas, Karen Zacharias, Susan Zam, Jessica Zavala, Treva Zellers, Linda Zemlicka, Heather Zens, Tessa Zens, Amber Ziebart, Tamera Zimbelmann, Shannon Zimiga, Makayla Zirbel, Melissa Zirpel, Rhonda Zomer, Marilyn Zomer, Colleen Zweep, Alison Aadahl, Briana Aadland, Juliana Aadland, Mackenzie Aalbu, Debra Aalderks, Rachel Aamold, Danielle Aanenson, Amber Aanenson, Emily Aanenson, Kierstin Aanenson, Colleen Aaron, Kelli Aarstad, Josey Aasby, Amanda Aasheim, Paula Abbas, Caitlin Abbink, and Karla Abbott.

Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TOLEDO BEING NAMED THE TOP METROPOLITAN AREA

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Toledo, Ohio, for being selected by

Site Selection Magazine as a Top Metropolitan Area in the United States. Toledo has shown what a strong community with the ambition to bring new investment to the area can do to create opportunities for the metropolitan area.

In order to be considered a metropolitan city for this particular award, the area must have a population ranging from 200,000 to 1 million. Toledo was selected for this award by Site Selection because of the new business investments brought to the metropolitan area. In 2020, Toledo had an estimated \$2.2 billion worth of projects that are expected to create 3,500 jobs.

Fostering a cooperative environment between businesses and local government has resulted in continued economic growth in the area. Toledo has brought millions in investments from businesses including Amazon, Stellantis, General Motors, Libbey Glass, and many more. The great work that Toledo has done despite the COVID-19 challenge is inspirational and shows the incredible work that is occurring in Northwest Ohio.

Congratulations to Toledo, on being named a Top Metropolitan Area.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE-
SAVING ACTIONS OF PAUL, PHILLIP,
PATRICK AND BENJAMIN
MOTYLINSKI

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul, Phillip, Patrick, and Benjamin Motylinski of Dundee, Michigan. Their heroic efforts are worthy of commendation.

On Sunday, February 29th Paul Motylinski was driving down Custer Road in Monroe County, Michigan when he noticed someone had fallen through the ice of a nearby pond. He responded quickly by calling 911 and phoning his brothers who were at his mother's house nearby.

Together, the brothers got a hold of a small boat to help get the victim out of the water. As two of them used the boat to reach the victim, the other two brothers used a rope to pull them all back to shore.

The eighty-one year old man was taken to ProMedica Hospital in Monroe and is expected to recover fully thanks to the life-saving efforts of the Motylinski brothers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking the Motylinski brothers for their efforts that saved a life. We are grateful for Benjamin and Paul Motylinskis continued service to the Michigan community in their role as firefighters with the Dundee Township Fire Department and also to Phillip and Patrick Motylunski for rising to the occasion when lives were at stake. I am proud to commemorate their efforts here today.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LOTTIE MAE SMITH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mrs. Lottie Mae Smith, a lover of children, an outstanding resident, and a true Christian spirit. Mrs. Smith was born in Lake Village, Arkansas, a few miles from where I was born, raised and grew up. Mrs. Smith like many others who grew up in rural Southeast, Arkansas migrated to Chicago, Illinois seeking a better life. Mrs. Smith confessed Christ at an early age in Lake Village where she was a member of the Woodson Temple Church. Once in Chicago she united with True Vine Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend C.L. Cavers where she served on the Mother's Board and the Pastor's Aide Ministry. She initially worked as a Cashier at Market Basket Super Market but because of her love for children she switched careers and worked as a Nanny for the rest of her career until retirement. Lottie was a loving wife, mother, and friend. She married the love of her life Chuck Smith in 1972 and they were inseparable. She leaves to mourn her daughters Loretta K. Brady, Jovanda Schafrik and Charlene Markham and Godson Larry Young, a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

HONORING LEONEL G. LOPEZ

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Leonel G. Lopez for earning the prestigious Eagle Scout rank from the Boy Scouts of America. Only four percent of Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, which requires dedication, service, leadership, and integrity.

A Brownsville native, Leo is the son of Leonel Lopez and Elia Cornejo Lopez. He is a proud member of Boy Scouts Troop 6 in Brownsville, TX and attends Veterans Memorial High School.

Leo has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities including camping, fishing, and hunting. Over the 12 years that Leo has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, church, and community. Most notably, Leo has contributed to his church community through his Eagle Scout project.

I applaud Leo's diligence to complete the lengthy review process that accompanies becoming an Eagle Scout. An important part of that process is completing a community service project. As a man of faith, Leo chose his community service project with guidance from his church leaders at Holy Family Catholic Church, where he has been an altar server since he was eight years old. Leo's project included cleaning and repainting every guideline, arrow, and handicap marker in his church's parking lot. Leo's initiative to remedy this problem demonstrates his leadership and his desire to contribute to his community.

I proudly commend Leo for his achievements with the Boy Scouts of America. He understands the importance of commitment and perseverance, and I know that he will continue to demonstrate these qualities in his future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me and my community in recognizing Leonel G. Lopez and wishing him continued success as an Eagle Scout and in completing his final year of high school.

RECOGNIZING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING DAY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Friday, March 26, 2021 as International Social Emotional Learning Day. On the last Friday of this month, partners from around the world will come together to showcase Social Emotional Learning, or SEL, and promote the practice in support of their schools, organizations, and communities.

SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions, and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.

SEL advances educational equity and excellence through authentic school-family-community partnerships to establish learning environments and experiences that feature trusting and collaborative relationships, rigorous and meaningful curriculum and instruction, and ongoing evaluation. SEL can help address various forms of inequity and empower young people and adults to co-create thriving schools and contribute to safe, healthy, and just communities.

The competencies of SEL develop throughout our lives and are essential to success in our schools, workplaces, homes, and communities and allow individuals to contribute meaningfully to society. SEL can be taught and developed throughout childhood, adolescence, and beyond.

Supporting SEL is a wise use of public resources, because there can be long-term social and economic benefits to society from the implementation of evidence-based SEL. I have seen first-hand the benefits of this practice on students in my Congressional District with the Warren City Schools. I'd also like to recognize SEL40H for their great work on this issue in Ohio.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Friday, March 26th as International SEL Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote. Had I been present for Roll Call vote number 84, On

Agreeing to the Rep. Wagner of Missouri Part B Amendment No. 40, I would have voted Yea.

HONORING BEVERLY ERSKINE AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Beverly Erskine, the program manager of the VA Central Iowa Health Care System Women's Veteran Program, as Iowan of the Week. Women are the fastest-growing population within the veteran community, and the Women's Veteran Program at the Central Iowa VA gives the heroines who served in uniform access to a full continuum of health care from primary care to mental health services.

With Beverly's leadership, the Women's Veteran Program provides critical services and resources that help our female veterans lead healthy lives, including: inpatient medical, surgical, and mental health care; physical rehabilitation; substance abuse treatment; long-term care and pharmacy services; and on-site mammogram services that offer 3-D imaging. Beverly and her team also arm program patients with helpful information and skills that they can use in their daily routines to better take care of themselves through the Whole Health Program. Mindfulness practices, yoga, and Tia Chi are just a few of the offerings in Whole Health to help female service members thrive. And to protect women veterans from potentially dangerous domestic situations, Beverly and her team provide careful, confidential screening conducted by trained Intimate Partner Violence colleagues.

One of the most special components of the Central Iowa VA Women's Veteran Program is the baby shower program Beverly and her colleagues facilitate each year. They invite women veterans who are pregnant, spouses of Veterans, Veterans who have adopted, and those who have had invitro fertilization to a special baby shower thrown in their honor. Attendees receive gifts, originally donated from partner organizations in Iowa, that help the expectant mothers prepare for the arrival of their newborns. The event is promoted during Women's Health Week and it offers the health care system to give back to those who have already sacrificed so much. As much as it makes the expectant moms feel special, it's truly a highlight for Beverly in her work.

Women's History Month is an opportunity to highlight some incredible work being done by women for women in communities across our country. Beverly is a shining example of how empowering female leaders creates opportunity for our nation to reach its full potential. I will never stop fighting in Congress to expand opportunities for women like Beverly and those who served our nation in uniform and am proud to support programs like the one Beverly leads for our women veterans. It is my honor to name Beverly Erskine our Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERNIE ROBERT YANKE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ernie Robert Yanke of Pewaukee, Wisconsin to celebrate his 100th Birthday. Mr. Yanke has lived a profoundly honorable life and lives up to the title of the Greatest Generation. His life's work deserves recognition and reflection as we mark this important milestone.

Mr. Yanke is a World War II veteran, father, husband, and beloved friend to many. He is best known for his tolerance, compassion, and optimism, although life was not always easy for him. Growing up, Mr. Yanke had very little; he was born to German immigrants in New Britain, Connecticut and moved from one crowded dwelling to another and often stood in long food lines for government issued cheese. Mr. Yanke often felt he escaped accidental death through sheer luck, but he credits the Army with saving his life.

During his time serving in the Army, Mr. Yanke led a decorated military career, rising to the rank of staff sergeant. He was part of the 76th Division in Patton's Third Army and was involved in the battle to rescue the besieged U.S. forces in the Battle of the Bulge. He recalls his hands freezing to the handle of a machine gun he manned atop a truck, firing all night to stave off the enemy. He was among the first troops to enter a concentration camp to provide relief to those held there.

While in the Army, Mr. Yanke first met his wife Eileen Quillin at a USO dance. The minute he saw her, he told her he was coming back after the war to marry her. He did exactly that. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Yanke raised a wonderful family of four children in Wisconsin.

Following his retirement, Mr. Yanke and Eileen spent the 25 years in Port Charlotte, FL, and traveled all over the world. Today, he has two daughters, four adult grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews as well as friends of all ages who he considers family.

As he celebrates his 100th birthday, Mr. Yanke is still a picture of health and demonstrating the core traits the Army taught him. Every day, you can find him doing his daily "1,000 reps" with his 1.51b weights. I join Mr. Yanke's family in celebrating the 100th birthday of this remarkable man.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF LEGENDARY FOOTBALL COACH RICHARD "SPARKY" ADAMS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a legendary football coach Richard "Sparky" Adams, Sr. Mr. Adams was born March 24, to Lee and Josephine Adams. The three-sport athlete graduated from Silver Creek High School before majoring in physical education at Brockport State. After securing his college degree during